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Title: Regarding the problems faced by Non-Resident Indians.

SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (ANANDPUR SAHIB): I want to raise an important matter regarding the problems of Non-Resident Indians (NRI). It is a well known fact that larger number of Indians go abroad to earn livelihood through illegal travel agents. At the border at the time of entry, their passports are taken away by these agents. As a result, entry of these innocent Indian Citizens is considered as illegal entry and respective Governments treat it as political asylum.

After many years when they want to return to their homeland, the citizenship rules do not allow issuance of passports, so I would urge upon the Government of India to amend the laws accordingly and also consider it as Economic asylum so that they can come back.

Secondly, in United States of America, Canada and Australia Offices of Consulate General are located at long distance. There should be sub-offices to make them easily accessible.